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UTAH HIGHLIGHTS

Utah principal crop planted acreage, which includes acres planted to all major crops and those expected to be cut for all hay, is up 6,000 acres from 2013 to 1.03 million acres.

Utah **corn** producers planted 92,000 acres of corn this year of which they intend to harvest 29,000 acres for grain, down from 31,000 acres harvested in 2013. This is a decrease of 6 percent from last year's harvested grain acreage and an 11 percent increase in planted acreage for all purposes. **Oat** seedings are set at 30,000 acres, a decrease of 10,000 acres from last year, with producers planning to harvest 4,000 acres for grain, down 1,000 acres from acreage harvested for grain in 2013. **Barley** planted area, at 41,000 acres, is 3 percent more than last year's acreage. Expected harvested acres, at 22,000 are 27 percent below 2013.

Winter wheat producers planted 140,000 acres in the fall of 2013 for harvest in 2014, up from 120,000 acres planted for the previous year's crop. Acreage expected to be harvested for grain at 120,000 is up 10,000 from acres harvested in 2013. **Spring wheat** seedings, at 19,000 acres, are up 1,000 acres compared with a year ago. Acreage for harvest is expected to total 16,000 acres, up from 14,000 acres harvested last year.

The area to be harvested for **hay** is expected to decrease 15,000 acres from a year ago to 710,000 acres. **Alfalfa hay** harvested acreage is expected to remain at 550,000 acres and **all other hay** harvested acreage is expected to decrease 15,000 acres to 160,000 acres. **Safflower** growers planted an estimated 25,000 acres this year, down 2,000 acres from last year. Harvested acres are expected to total 23,000 acres, down from 26,000 acres harvested in 2013.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Corn: The 2014 corn planted area for all purposes is estimated at 91.6 million acres, down 4 percent from last year. This represents the lowest planted acreage in the United States since 2010; however, this is the fifth largest corn acreage in the United States since 1944. Growers expect to harvest 83.8 million acres for grain, down 4 percent from last year. Farmers responding to the survey indicated that 98 percent of the intended corn acreage had been planted at the time of the interview, the same as the 10-year average.

Oats: Area seeded to oats for the 2014 crop year is estimated at 3.03 million acres, up less than 1 percent from 2013. This represents the fourth-lowest United States planted area on record. Record low planted acreage is estimated in California, Montana, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Wyoming, and Virginia. Growers expect to harvest 1.15 million acres, up 12 percent from last year but the fourth lowest harvested acreage on record. Record low harvested acreage is expected in California and Montana.

Barley: Producers seeded 3.09 million acres of barley for the 2014 crop year, down 11 percent from the previous year. This represents the third-lowest seeded area on record. Harvested area, forecast at 2.63 million acres, is down 12 percent from 2013. Record low planted acreage is estimated in California, Michigan, and New York.

Winter wheat: The 2014 winter wheat planted area is estimated at 42.3 million acres, up less than 1 percent from the previous estimate but down 2 percent from last year. States with notable acreage increases from the previous estimate were Idaho and South Dakota. Of the total acreage, about 30.4 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 8.50 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.41 million acres are White Winter. Record high acreage was planted in North Dakota.

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Area harvested for grain is forecast at 32.4 million acres, down slightly from the previous forecast but up slightly from last year. Harvested acres are up significantly from last year in the Northern Great Plains and Rocky Mountain regions. Conversely, decreases from last year are expected throughout the Soft Red Winter growing region due to reduced planted acres. If realized, harvested acres will be a record low in California.

Other spring wheat: Area seeded to other spring wheat is estimated at 12.7 million acres, up 10 percent from 2013. Of this total, about 12.0 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. North Dakota, the largest producing other spring wheat State, is estimated at 5.90 million acres, up 16 percent from last year. As of June 1, eighty-three percent of the intended North Dakota other spring wheat crop had been planted, 19 percentage points ahead of last year. Harvested area is expected to total 12.4 million acres, 9 percent above 2013. As of June 22, seventy-one percent of the crop was rated in good to excellent condition, compared with 70 percent at the same time last year.

Hay: Producers intend to harvest 57.6 million acres of all hay in 2014, down 1 percent from 2013. The expected harvested area of **alfalfa and alfalfa** mixtures, at 18.2 million acres, is up 2 percent from 2013. Expected harvested area for **all other types of hay** totals 39.5 million acres, down 3 percent from 2013.

Harvested area of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures is expected to increase throughout much of the upper Midwest and Northern Plains due to timely precipitation this spring. **Other hay** harvested acreage is expected to decline throughout much of the United States.

All hay record high acreages are expected to be harvested in Florida and Oklahoma. Record lows are expected in Maryland, Nebraska, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

Safflower: Planted area of safflower increased 5 percent from 2013, to 183,500 acres in 2014. This is the largest planted area for the Nation since 2008. Area for harvest is forecast at 176,200 acres, up 4 percent from last year. Compared with last year, growers in the two largest States of California and Montana are showing increases in planted area of 5,000 and 10,000 acres, respectively.

For complete results of the 2014 June Acreage report please visit www.nass.usda.gov

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